

AFFIDAVIT
Of
RICHARD G. WYMER
Special Agent
Drug Enforcement Administration

I, RICHARD G. WYMER, being first duly sworn, do depose and state that:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and have been employed so since May 2003. I am currently assigned to the Resident Office in Springfield, Missouri. As a Special Agent, I am authorized to conduct investigations of, and to make arrests and seizures for offenses enumerated in the "Controlled Substances Act," Title, 21, United States Code. I have been a sworn law enforcement Officer for approximately ten (10) years. I have specialized training in the investigation of controlled substances cases, and have personally participated in numerous controlled substance investigations.
2. The following information is based upon affiant's personal knowledge and investigation in this case, as well as information made known to affiant by Corporal Tom Hall, Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) and other officers of the MSHP.
3. On October 6, 2005, at approximately 8:30 a.m., Corporal Tom Hall of the Missouri State Highway Patrol conducted a traffic stop on a Chevrolet Suburban bearing Ohio License tag DFE5671 eastbound on I-44 at mile marker 74, Greene County, Missouri, for speeding. Corporal Hall made contact with the driver of the vehicle,

James A. LONG, who identified himself by his Ohio driver's license. LONG told Corporal Hall that he was returning from a bass fishing trip in northern Texas. LONG was unable to tell Corporal Hall exactly where in Texas he had been fishing. Vehicle registration information identified the Suburban as an Enterprise rental car. The vehicle was rented in Beachwood, Ohio, by James LONG on October 3, 2005. Corporal Hall briefly questioned LONG's passengers Floyd BINDER and Geno DELLANNO and noted several inconsistencies.

4. Corporal Hall requested and received consent to search the rental vehicle from LONG. During the search Hall located three heat sealed packages that later field tested positive for cocaine HCL. The packages along with a Taurus revolver and a 40 caliber semi-automatic Mouser were located above the driver's side rear wheel well. The packages later weighed out at 3633.7 gross grams which in Affiant's specialized knowledge indicates a distribution amount.

5. Missouri State Highway Patrol Investigator Jamie Musche and your Affiant interviewed Floyd BINDER after advising him of the "Miranda" warning. BINDER stated he was making the trip to Texas to pick up cocaine for an old army buddy by the name of Walter WHITE. BINDER said he recruited LONG and DELLANNO to help him drive. BINDER said they left on October 3, 2005 and were directed to stay at a specific hotel in Dallas, Texas. BINDER said once they arrived at the hotel three kilograms of cocaine were delivered to them. BINDER said he took the two handguns on the trip for protection in Dallas at the drug

transaction. BINDER stated prior to placing the cocaine in the vehicle he purchased a heat sealer to better package the drugs.

6. Investigator Mike Cooper interviewed DELLANNO after reading him the "Miranda" warning. DELLANNO admitted to traveling to Dallas, Texas, to pick up the three kilograms of cocaine. DELLANNO also stated his fingerprints would probably be on the cocaine packages.

7. James LONG told investigators that BINDER told him they were going fishing. He stated he was surprised when they left the state of Ohio. LONG denied any knowledge of the cocaine in the vehicle. A further search of the rental vehicle uncovered the heat sealing machine located inside LONG's duffel bag.

Richard G. Wymer, Special Agent
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Subscribed and sworn to before me in my presence on this _____ day of
October, 2005.

HONORABLE JAMES C. ENGLAND
United States Magistrate Judge